

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2975 - HB 3281

March 2, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the offense of illegal registration for voting from a Class E to a Class D felony. Increases the offense of false entry on election documents from a Class E felony to a Class D felony. Increases the offense of abuse of voter assistance from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor. Increases the offense of illegal act by an election official causing lost votes from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,300 / Incarceration*

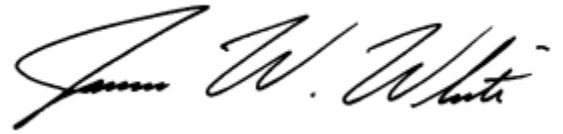
Assumptions:

- Two offenders every five years will serve an additional 0.3 years (an increase from 0.3 years for a Class E felony to 0.6 years for a Class D felony). The annualized time served per conviction is 21.92 days (0.20 annual number of convictions x 109.58 days served). According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2006 is \$50.02. The annualized cost per conviction is \$1,100 (0.20 x 109.58 x \$50.02 = \$1,096.24). The total operating cost for two offenders every five years is \$2,200 (\$1,096.24 x 2).
- One Class E felony every five years with 0.3 years time served (109.58 days). The annualized time served per conviction is 21.92 days (0.20 annual number of convictions x 109.58 days served). The annualized cost per conviction is \$1,100 (0.20 x 109.58 x \$50.02 = \$1,096.24).
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, population growth in Tennessee has been 1.09% per year for the past 10 years, yielding a projected compound population growth of 13.6% over the next ten years. No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

**Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director